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2. Specification [Total Pages 18]
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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 4]

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(for continuation/divisional check boxes 5 and 16)
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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence
Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Copy
- b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet &
document(s))

9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

10. English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. Information Disclosure Statement
(IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

12. Preliminary Amendment

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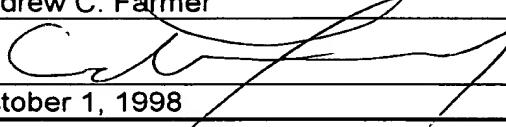
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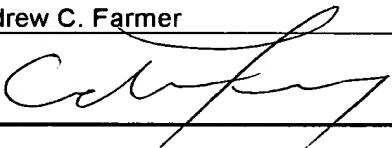
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